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MILITARY INCINERATE MARIJUANA IN SONORA

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[Excerpt] In Sonora, it would be impossible for cases associated with drug trafficking such as those in other states to occur, because here the campaign against that activity is permanent, on the part of the civilian and military authorities who receive complete backing from the head of the state's executive body, Dr Samuel Ocana Garcia.

The foregoing statement was made by Gen Angel Barron Vieczas, commander of the Fourth Military Zone, a few moments after the incineration of 3.5 tons of marijuana and 1,100 grams of seed of the same grass, worth 1.05 billion pesos on the black market abroad.

Barron Vieczas announced that half of the drugs burned had been discovered by soldiers on the El Barril farm in the municipality of Pitiquito, where they had been hidden underground, for which purpose a "ditch" type tractor was used, which was also seized and turned over to the federal social representative.

Participating in the confiscation of the grass that has been destroyed, besides the military, were members of the Federal and State Judicial Police, as well as from the office of the regional coordinator of the permanent campaign against drug trafficking in Zone 09, according to Jose Gaston Galindo Lopez, agent of the Federal Public Ministry.

The ceremony for the marijuana incineration took place in the presence of the governor of Sonora, Dr Samuel Ocana Garcia, who was responsible for lighting the fire, using a special device operated by electric power; and Sergio Lagarda Burgos and Enrique Serrano Arizpe, coordinator of the permanent campaign and circuit delegate from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, respectively.

Also in attendance were Drs Jaime Leon Varela and Salvador Ortiz Perez, representative of the coordinated public health services in the state and delegate from the Secretariat of Programming and Budget, in that order; as well as Carlos Ramon Vega Cota, chief of the State Judicial Police, and Enrique Castillo Borboa, deputy chief of the Municipal Police.

Other witnesses of the event were Gen Gustavo Leon Cortez and Cols Pedro Ramos Tavera and Jose Antonio Valdivia, chief of staff of the Fourth Military Zone and commanders of the 38th and 24th Infantry Battalions, respectively; in addition to representatives from other police agencies.

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